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TAILS POINTED OUT SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BUGGING ME. THE LAST GROUP OF BADNIKS WE FACED WAS WAY MORE ORGANIZED.
BUT EGGMAN HASN'T SHOWN UP TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY. SUBTLETY IS NOT HIS FORTE.

THEN IT'S ALL THE MORE REASON FOR YOU TO COME BACK TO THE RESISTANCE!
NO, IT'S ALL THE MORE REASON FOR ME TO HIT THE ROAD AND FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!

SO... KNUCKLES IS STILL PLAYING HERO ON THE SURFACE.

WHAT IF THE WAR WAS JUST THE BEGINNING? WHAT IF THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN WORSE ON THE WAY?
THE SOL EMERALDS ARE NOT... CHATTY. IF THEY DIRECTED ME HERE, IT WAS FOR A PURPOSE.

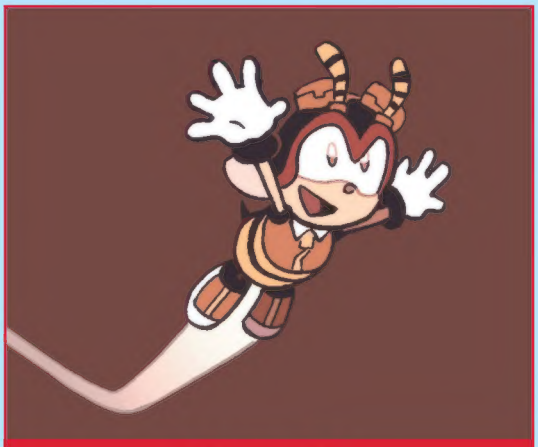
OH-HO-HO... DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE ONE. I'LL FIX YOUR LITTLE RED WAGON.
SOON, I'LL BE FIXING EVERY-THING!

ROLL CALL

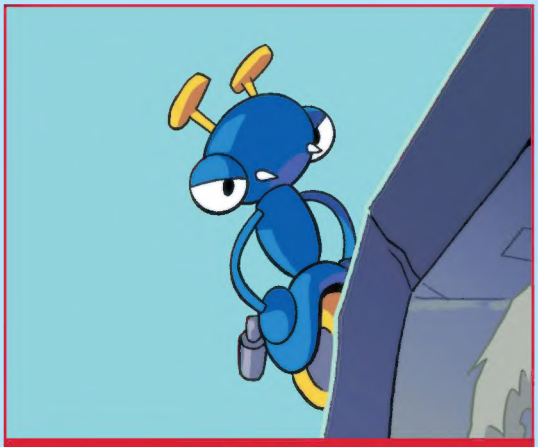
Sonic the Hedgehog
The Blue Blur.
Fastest Thing Alive.

Espio the Chameleon
Ninja spy.
Chaotix Detective Agency member.

Vector the Crocodile
The Rock Croc.
Chaotix Detective Agency leader.



Charmy Bee
Fun-loving kid.
Chaotix Detective Agency member.



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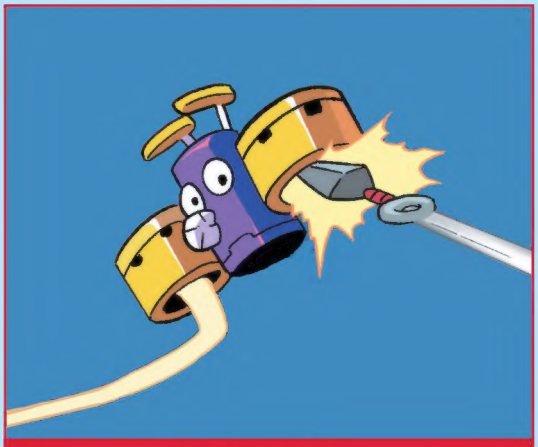
Badnik unicycle.
Eggman Empire.



Hoverby
Robotic flyer.
Eggman Empire

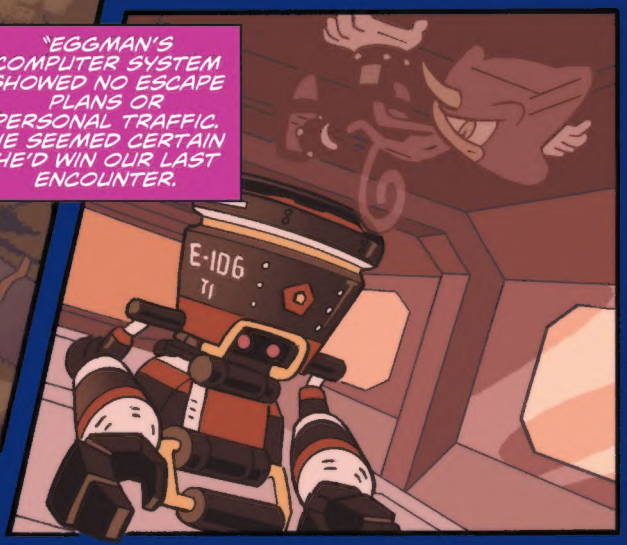
CAREFUL– ON YOUR RIGHT!
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
FASTEST THING ALIVE
LEFT, RIGHT– EVERYWHERE! THEY HAVE US SURROUNDED!
ESPIO
THE CHAMELEON
NINJA SPY FOR THE CHAOTIX

MEH, WE'VE HANDLED MORE THAN THIS BEFORE. JUST GOTTA GET INTO THE *SWING* OF THINGS!
ROGER THAT!
HAVE YOU AND *THE CHAOTIX* TRACKED DOWN EGGMAN YET?
WE– HOLD ON, INCOMING.

THANKS FOR THE HELP WITH THE BADNIKS. THEY'VE BEEN GETTING MORE ORGANIZED LATELY.
I GUESS EGGMAN IS GEARING UP FOR SOMETHING BIG AGAIN.
ACTUALLY, I DON'T BELIEVE THE DOCTOR IS BEHIND THIS.
OH? SO YOU GUYS HAVE A LEAD?
BETTER THAN THAT. WE BEGAN OUR SEARCH IN THE RUINS OF IMPERIAL CITY...

"...AND FOUND NOTHING BUT WRECKAGE.

"SO WE TRIED HIS LAST KNOWN LAB. ORBOT AND CUBOT WERE COOPERATIVE, BUT KNEW NOTHING.
CUBOT
DUMB-BOT
ORBOT
LAZY LACKEY


"EGGMAN'S COMPUTER SYSTEM SHOWED NO ESCAPE PLANS OR PERSONAL TRAFFIC. HE SEEMED CERTAIN HE'D WIN OUR LAST ENCOUNTER.
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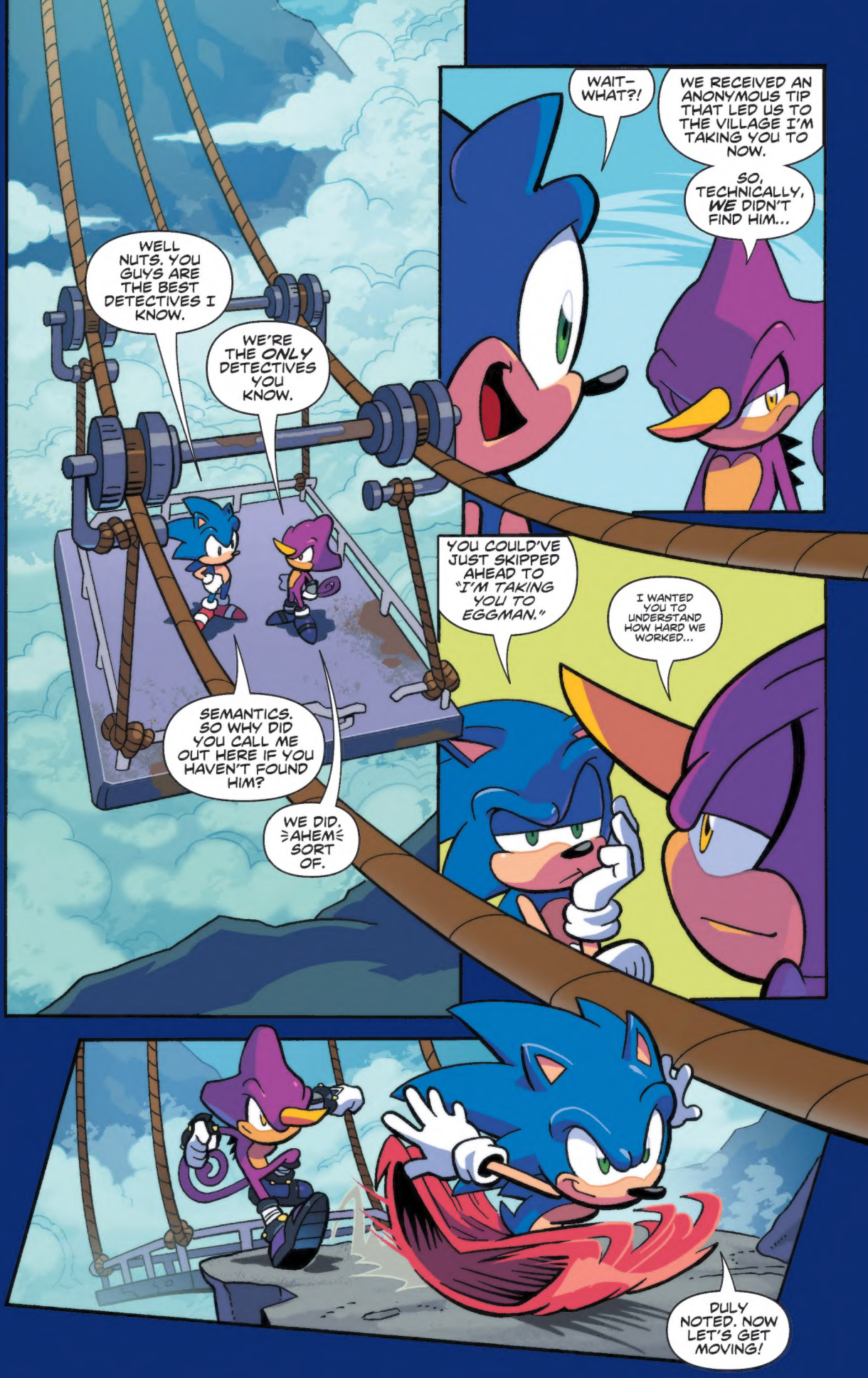
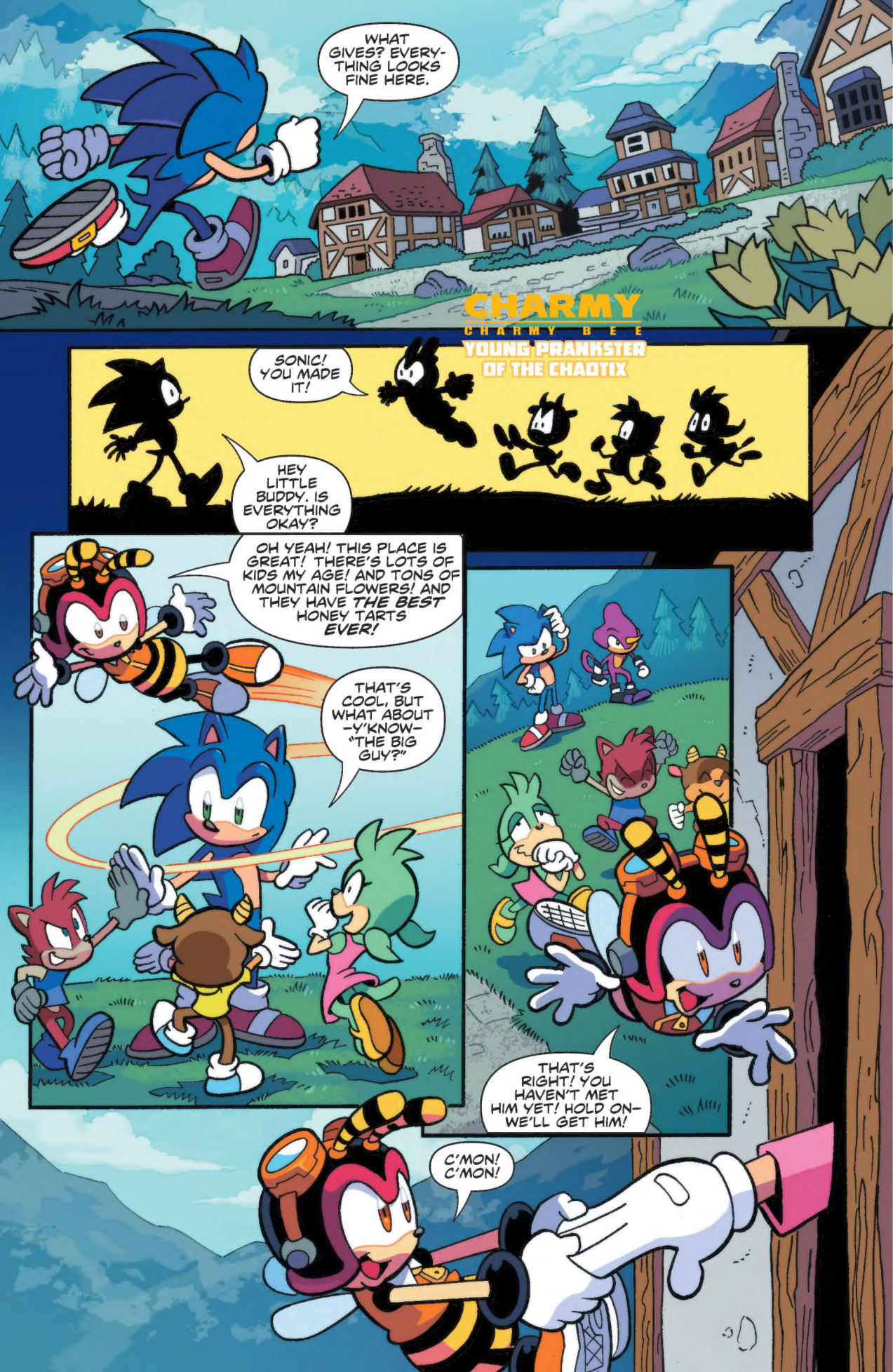
"SEARCHING HIS OTHER BASES TURNED UP NOTHING BUT TROUBLE."


WAIT– WHAT?!
WE RECEIVED AN ANONYMOUS TIP THAT LED US TO THE VILLAGE I'M TAKING YOU TO NOW.
SO, TECHNICALLY, WE DIDN'T FIND HIM...
WELL NUTS. YOU GUYS ARE THE BEST DETECTIVES I KNOW.
WE'RE THE ONLY DETECTIVES YOU KNOW.
YOU COULD'VE JUST SKIPPED AHEAD TO "I'M TAKING YOU TO EGGMAN."
I WANTED YOU TO UNDERSTAND HOW HARD WE WORKED...
SEMANTICS. SO WHY DID YOU CALL ME OUT HERE IF YOU HAVEN'T FOUND HIM?
WE DID. ≥AHEM≤ SORT OF.
DULY NOTED. NOW LET'S GET MOVING!


WHAT GIVES? EVERYTHING LOOKS FINE HERE.
CHARMY
CHARMY BEE
YOUNG PRANKSTER OF THE CHAOTIX
SONIC! YOU MADE IT!
HEY LITTLE BUDDY. IS EVERYTHING OKAY?
OH YEAH! THIS PLACE IS GREAT! THERE'S LOTS OF KIDS MY AGE! AND TONS OF MOUNTAIN FLOWERS! AND THEY HAVE THE BEST HONEY TARTS EVER!
THAT'S COOL, BUT WHAT ABOUT –Y'KNOW– "THE BIG GUY?"
THAT'S RIGHT! YOU HAVEN'T MET HIM YET! HOLD ON– WE'LL GET HIM!
C'MON! C'MON!

HAHAHA!
ALL RIGHT! NO NEED TO GET ALL EXCITED!
HOW DO YOU DO? THEY CALL ME "MR. TINKER."
DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D BUY THIS ACT, DOC?
"DOC?" I... I DON'T THINK I'VE EARNED A DOCTORATE...
...BUT THEN AGAIN I'M AFRAID I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH OF ANY-THING.
EXCEPT HOW TO FIX AND BUILD STUFF! HE'S THE BEST!
HEH. WELL, I CERTAINLY TRY...

UH-HUH. SO YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF OUR FIGHTING OVER THE CHAOS EMERALDS?
I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT CUT.
LOST HEX?
SOME-BODY LOST A MAGIC SPELL?
THE ARK?
...HAS A PARABOLA?
THE DEATH EGG?
ARE YOU JUST THROWING RANDOM WORDS TOGETHER? I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
DON'T SWEAT IT, MR. TINKER. THIS IS ALL A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY.
ARE YOU SURE? IF I CAN HELP, I'D LOVE TO, BUT...
NAH. YOU JUST GET BACK TO WHAT YOU WERE WORKING ON.
VECTOR
CROCODILE
CHAOTIX LEADER
THIS IS WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID WE "SORT OF" FOUND EGGMAN.
AND YOU'RE SURE IT'S NOT AN ACT? HE'S PULLED SIMILAR STUNTS IN THE PAST.
WE'VE THOROUGHLY INTERROGATED HIM AND OBSERVED HIM FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.
IT'S LEGIT. HE REMEMBERS NOTHING.

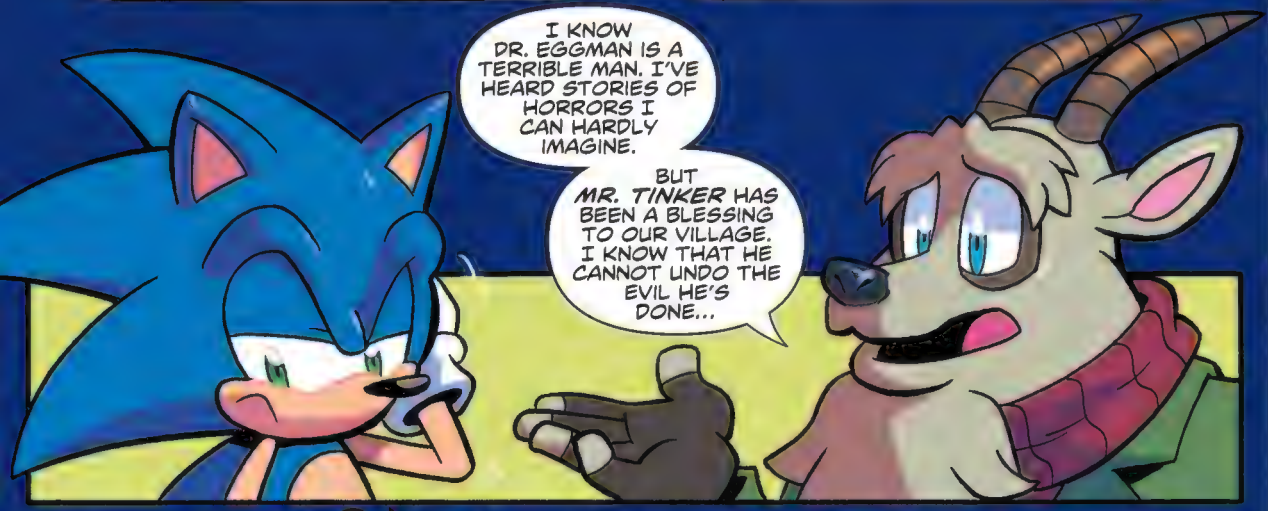
YEAH, BUT...HE CAN BE *EXTREMELY* DANGEROUS.
NEVERMIND THE CLOSE CALLS I'VE HAD WHILE FIGHTING HIM. HE CAN THREATEN *WHOLE PLANETS* AT A TIME...

"BUT SEEING HIM LIKE THIS..."
THAT'S WHY WE CALLED YOU– WE HAVE NO CLUE WHAT TO DO!
SURE, HE'S DONE SOME NASTY STUFF IN THE PAST, BUT CAN YOU REALLY PUNISH A GUY WHO DOESN'T REMEMBER DOING ANY OF IT?
THE CRIMES HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AND JUSTICE MUST BE SERVED. EGGMAN MUST BE PUNISHED.
RIGHT. BUT WOULD YOU REALLY SAY THAT'S EGGMAN?
...NO.
EXCUSE ME. I'M THE HEAD OF THE VILLAGE. MAY I WEIGH IN ON THE SUBJECT?
SURE. YOUR TOWN, YOUR RULES, RIGHT?

YES, BUT IN THIS CASE, I WOULD DEFER TO THE JUDGMENT OF A FAMOUS HERO.
BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE CONSIDER THIS...
...THAT MAN APPEARED IN OUR VILLAGE ONE DAY WITHOUT WARNING. WE'RE STILL NOT SURE HOW HE ARRIVED.
WE LOCKED HIM UP IMMEDIATELY. BUT THE NEXT DAY WE FOUND HE'D BROKEN OUT—JUST TO REINFORCE HIS OWN CELL.
I DID WHAT I COULD FOR THE HINGES, BUT YOU'LL NEED AN ENTIRELY NEW DEADBOLT.
"JUST LIKE THE CHAOTIX, WE QUESTIONED AND TESTED HIM FOR DAYS. NEVER ONCE DID HE SHOW SIGNS OF HIS OLD, VILLAINOUS WAYS.
"ONCE WE REALIZED HE WASN'T—WELL, HIMSELF—WE NURSED HIS WOUNDS AND TOOK HIM IN."

"IN RETURN, HE REPAID OUR KINDNESS TENFOLD. HE REPAIRED ANYTHING WE BROUGHT HIM. FROM THE SMALLEST, MOST DELICATE WORK...

"...TO THE LARGEST, MOST GRUELING EFFORTS."


I KNOW DR. EGGMAN IS A TERRIBLE MAN. I'VE HEARD STORIES OF HORRORS I CAN HARDLY IMAGINE.
BUT MR. TINKER HAS BEEN A BLESSING TO OUR VILLAGE. I KNOW THAT HE CANNOT UNDO THE EVIL HE'S DONE...

"...BUT I'D RATHER HE REMAIN FREE TO DO SOME GOOD THAN ROT IN A CELL AND DO NOTHING."

UGH... THIS WAS SO MUCH EASIER WHEN IT WAS JUST "I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG."
WE COULD STICK AROUND AND KEEP AN EYE ON HIM.
NAH, THAT'S JUST DELAYING THINGS. IT'S BETTER WE FIGURE THIS OUT BEFORE–
BADNIKS! COMING IN FROM THE SOUTH! THEY'RE COMING UP THE MOUNTAIN! RUN!
YOU GUYS HEAD 'EM OFF! I'LL HANDLE EGGMAN!
YOU GOT IT!
CHARMY! GET OUT HERE! WE GOT WORK TO DO!
I'M COMIN'! I'M COMIN'! SHEESH!
ALRIGHT, EGG-FACE! THE GIG IS... UP?

I-IT'LL BE OKAY, EVERYONE! THE CHAOTIX ARE HERE! THEY'LL PROTECT US!
W-WILL THE ROBOTS FIND US IN HERE?
SHHH! YOU JUST HIDE BEHIND THIS BARRICADE. EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE, I PROMISE!
I'M SORRY, I NEVER CAUGHT YOUR NAME. BUT IF YOU CAN-WILL YOU HELP DEFEND THE VILLAGE?
I-I'M ASHAMED TO SAY I'M TOO AFRAID TO FIGHT.
YOU JUST WORRY ABOUT KEEPING THESE FOLKS SAFE, MR. TINKER. I'LL HELP THE CHAOTIX SMASH THOSE BOTS!

FASSSH
SMASH
SMASH
GOTCHA!
HUH...?

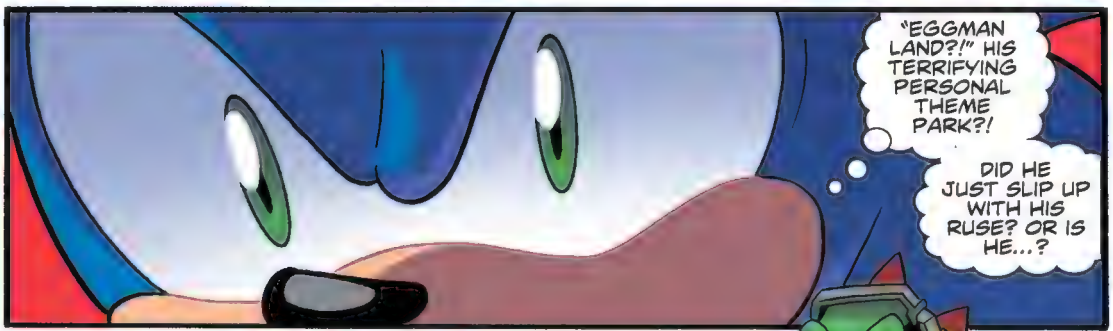
CAN'T HIDE FROM ME!
NO!
WHY WERE SONIC AND THE CHAOTIX THERE?
DID MY FORCES STUMBLE UPON A SETTLEMENT? OR HAVE THEY FIGURED ME OUT...?
YEEEEOOOOWRM!

THAT'S THE LAST OF THEM. SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY PUNY RESCUE FORCE.
IT WASN'T A RESCUE FORCE. EGGMAN WAS TERRIFIED OF HIS OWN ROBOTS.
YEAH! I TOLJA MR. TINKER WAS A GOOD GUY!
GAH!
THEN HE TRULY IS A NEW MAN. WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO?
OH, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.

I'M SORRY, MR. TINKER. I GOT YOU MIXED UP WITH SOMEBODY ELSE. I'D LIKE US TO START OVER, SO...
HI. I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.
THE PLEASURE IS ALL MINE, SONIC!
I HOPE YOU DO MANAGE TO FIND WHO YOU'RE LOOKING FOR. HE SOUNDS WORRISOME.
I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I THINK HE'S GONE FOR GOOD.
MAYBE SO, BUT THE CHAOTIX DETECTIVE AGENCY NEVER DOES A HALF-BAKED JOB! WE'LL KEEP LOOKING FOR THE DOCTOR.
BUT YOU'RE FREE TO STAY HERE, MR. TINKER. YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN OUR INVESTIGATION.
THANK YOU. IT LOOKS LIKE I HAVE AN AWFUL LOT OF TABLES TO REBUILD.
HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA!

I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR HELPING THESE PEOPLE.
DON'T SWEAT IT. IT'S WHAT I DO.

I HOPE YOU'LL COME BACK TO VISIT! I'D LOVE TO SHOW YOU EGGMAN LAND ONCE IT'S COMPLETED!


"EGGMAN LAND?!" HIS TERRIFYING PERSONAL THEME PARK?!
DID HE JUST SLIP UP WITH HIS RUSE? OR IS HE...?

YOU'LL NEVER MENACE THE WORLD WITH EGGMAN LAND AGAIN.

I'LL DESTROY YOU FIRST.
NEXT TIME:
SONIC VS. SHADOW

SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans! Thanks for sticking with us as we've moved to monthly releases! And just because we aren't weekly doesn't mean the action's slowing down—as you just saw! We're not entirely sure who this Mr. Tinker guy is, but he seems nice—even if Shadow doesn't think so!

Thanks to Ian Flynn, Tracy Yardley!, Jim Amash, Matt Herms, and Corey Breen for a wonderful first part of "The Fate of Dr. Eggman" and we can't wait to see what they do in part 2!

Now here's what you came here for: your art, cosplays, and letters! Starting with a more serious one from the U.K.

Greetings from Blighty, and congratulations on the successful launch of a long-overdue brand-new Hedgehog-based sequential art periodical!

As long-term fans of the UK's "Sonic the Comic" dedicated/insane enough to launch an online continuation that's in its fifteenth year as I write this, we couldn't be happier to see Sonic's spikey mug back on comic store shelves where it belongs.

Raucous cheering aside, I'm afraid there is a rather sad reason for my writing.

We recently lost a long-time friend and fan in a truly callous, horrific and out-of-nowhere accident. A chap named Matt Dittmer, a truly lovely, altruistic and kind-hearted bloke about whom nobody had a bad word to say. In fact, the last time he and I spoke was about our mutual excitement for IDW's upcoming Sonic title.

While he won't be reading it (on this metaphysical plane, anyway; does your subs dept. ship to the pearly gates?) I thought it'd be lovely if he could at least be in it and get immortalised in something very important to him that gives us all a lot of happiness. I've attached a picture of Matt with some guy named Yuji Naka.

We love him, and he'll be missed terribly.

Thank you

Stuart Gipp & the Sonic the Comic Online staff

Hi Stuart,

We're immensely saddened to hear of the loss of Matt. We also feel very honored to help memorialize him in a way that would be so meaningful to the people who love him. It is amazing to see such a wonderful community grow around shared love for Sonic. Truly, thank you for sending this in.

Art by Nikita Gile

Cosplay by Matt Doyle.
Photography by J Dupont Photography

Dear David and Joe,

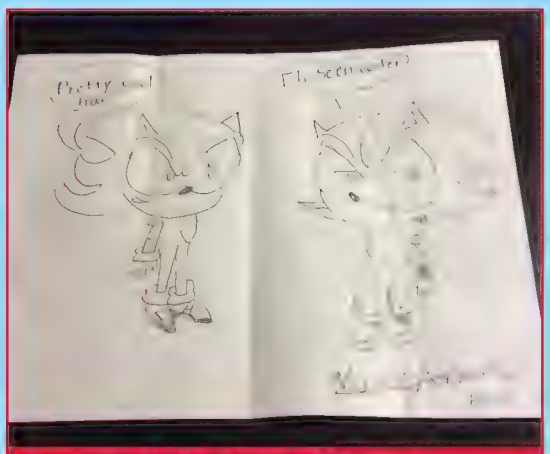
I saw your post on the IDW Sonic Facebook page and wanted to send in some photos for consideration for the comic if I could. I'd write a full letter too, but I tend to ramble a fair bit when I do so.

Anyway, as soon as I saw Tangle's design, I knew I wanted to build a cosplay of her. The funny thing was, I normally take three months to build costumes, but was challenged to do this one in three weeks. All things considered, I think it came out pretty well! As a side, I collected the Fleetway Sonic comics in the UK when they were available and did the same with the Archie ones. I've been a big fan of IDW's TMNT and X-Files comics, so I have a lot of faith that the franchise is in safe hands.

Thanks for considering the photos, and I'm looking forward to grabbing the first issue!

Matt Doyle

Aww man, Matt! That's so cool! Thank you for sending these in! You're the first Tangle cosplayer we've seen and I certainly hope not the last!



Art by Mason Andrews

Art by AJ Honeycutt

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-**Joe Hughes** and **David Mariotte**

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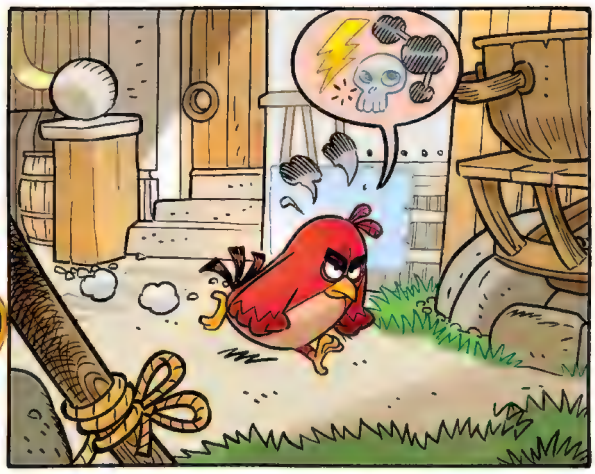

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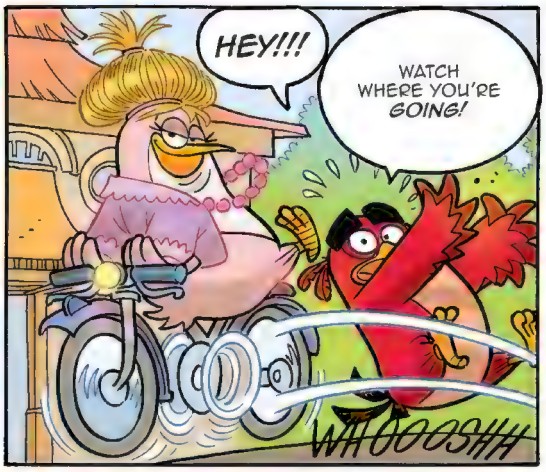

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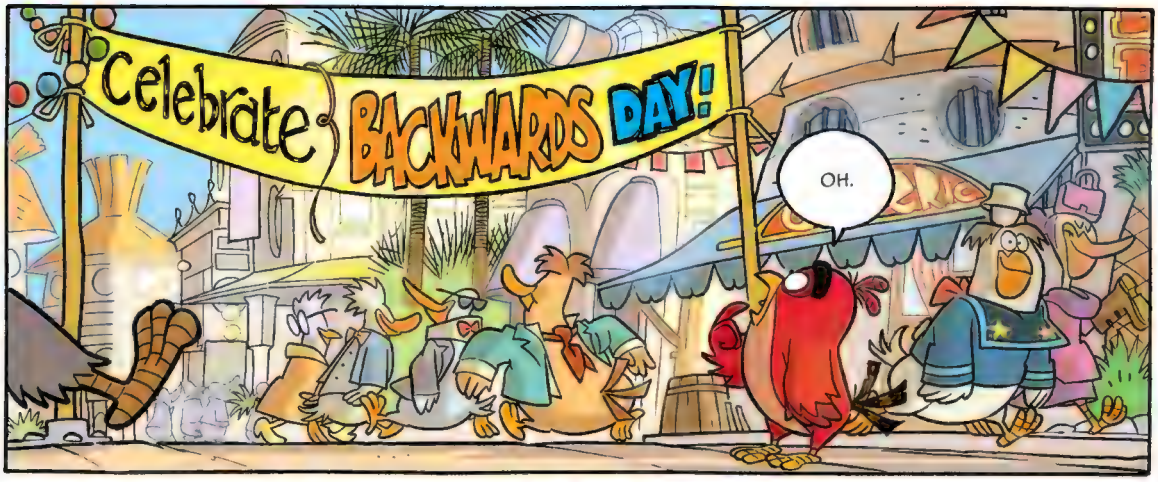
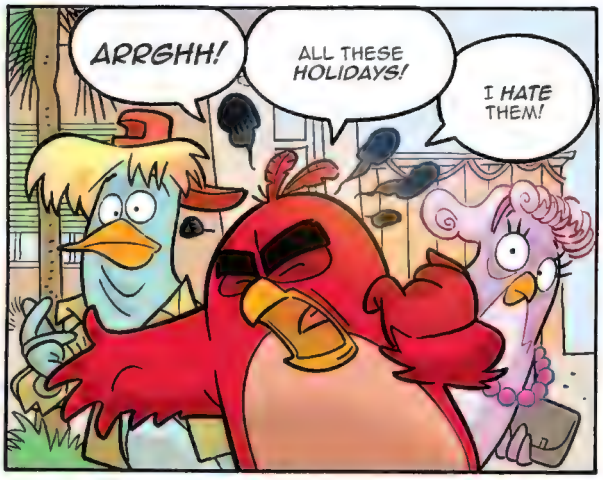

Celebrate BACKWARDS DAY!
OH.

GREAT! ANOTHER HOLIDAY. JUST WHAT I NEED. IT'S AS BAD AS BE NICE DAY, OR TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY, OR WEAR TWO HATS DAY, OR EAT BREAKFAST FOUR TIMES DAY...
...OR SNEEZE LIKE A PIRATE DAY, OR DRAW A CAT ON YOUR FOREHEAD DAY, OR SMELL LIKE A PIRATE DAY.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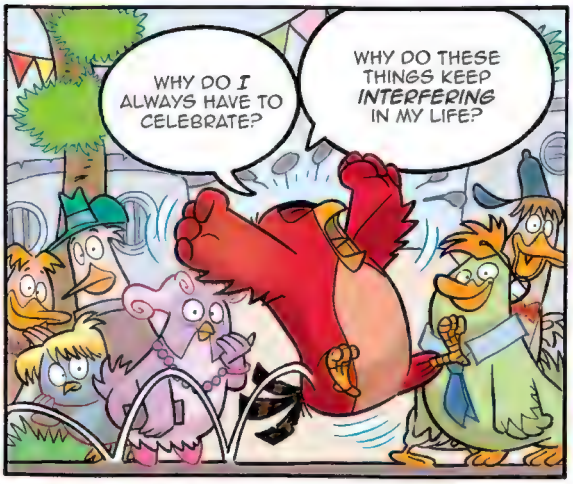
ALL THESE HOLIDAYS!
I HATE THEM!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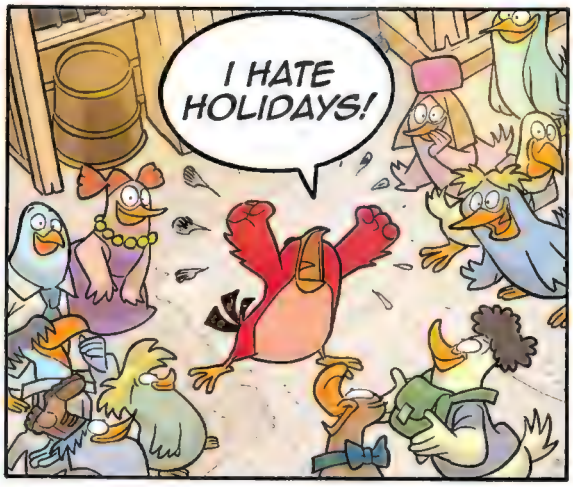
WHY DO THESE THINGS KEEP INTERFERING IN MY LIFE?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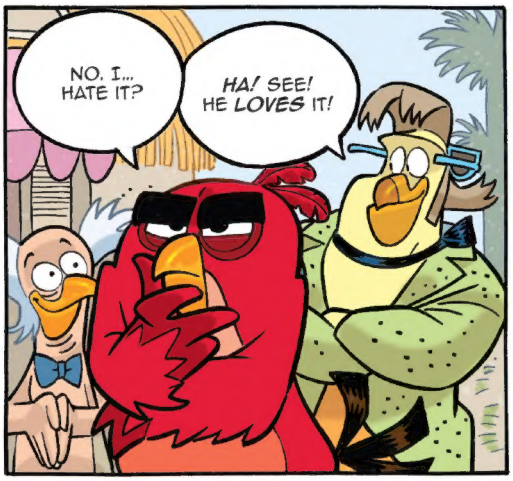
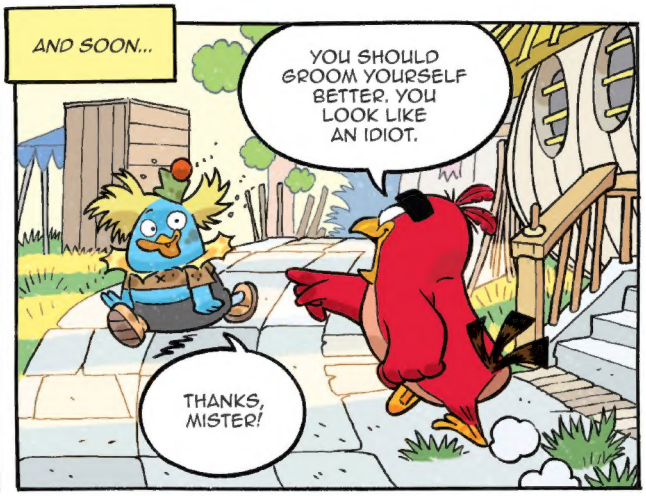
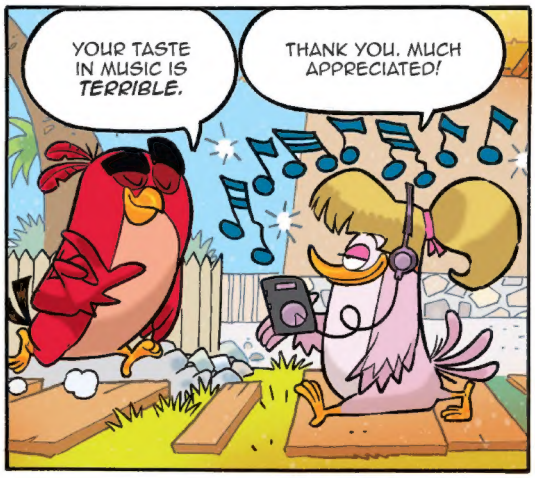
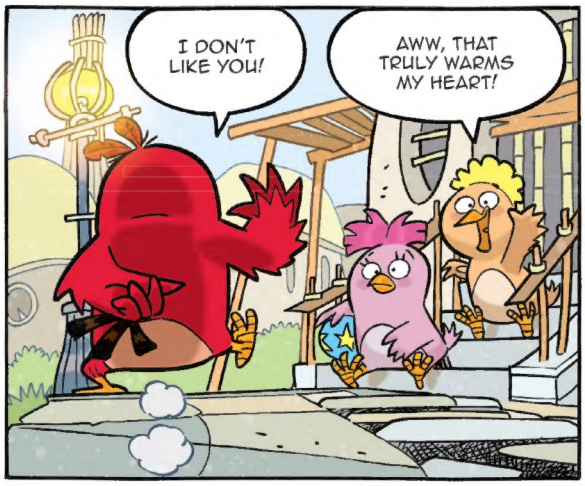
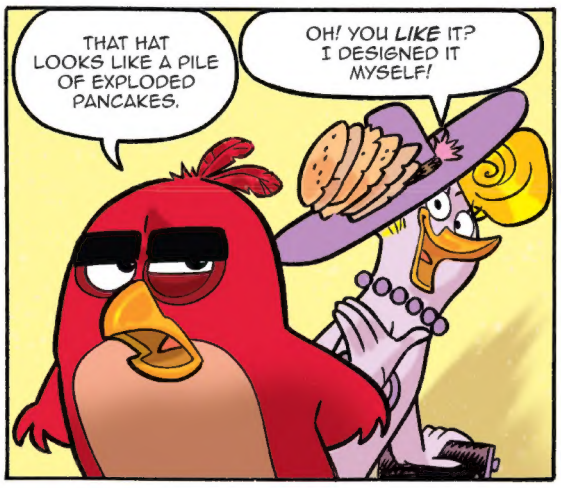

NO. I... HATE IT?
HA! SEE! HE LOVES IT!


AND SOON...
YOU SHOULD GROOM YOURSELF BETTER. YOU LOOK LIKE AN IDIOT.
THANKS, MISTER!

I'M TAKING THIS CAKE. SO... SINCE IT'S BACKWARDS DAY... YOU OWE ME FIVE DOLLARS.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
ALL CAKES 5$ EACH


YOUR TASTE IN MUSIC IS TERRIBLE.
THANK YOU. MUCH APPRECIATED!


I DON'T LIKE YOU!
AWW, THAT TRULY WARMS MY HEART!


THAT HAT LOOKS LIKE A PILE OF EXPLODED PANCAKES.
OH! YOU LIKE IT? I DESIGNED IT MYSELF!

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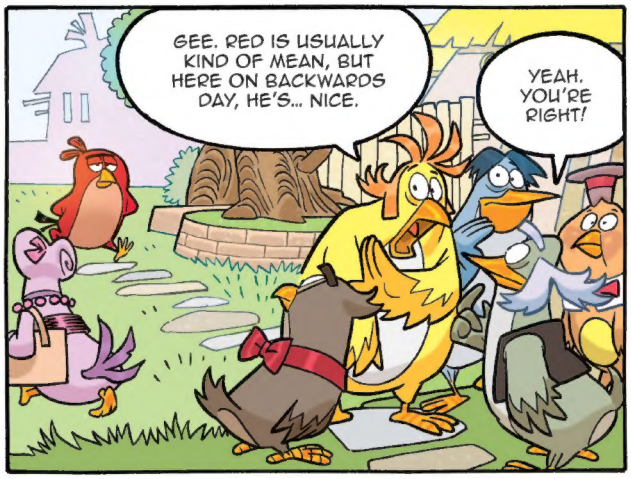

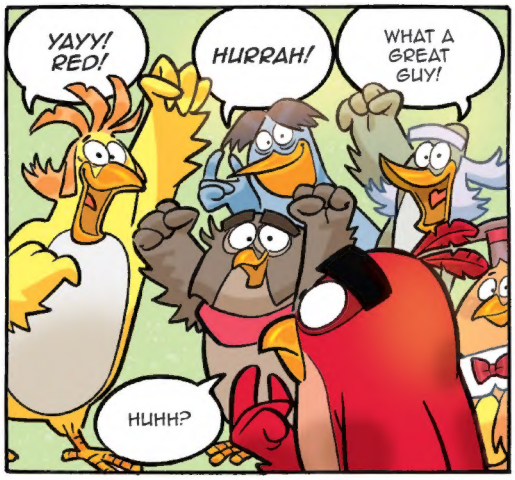

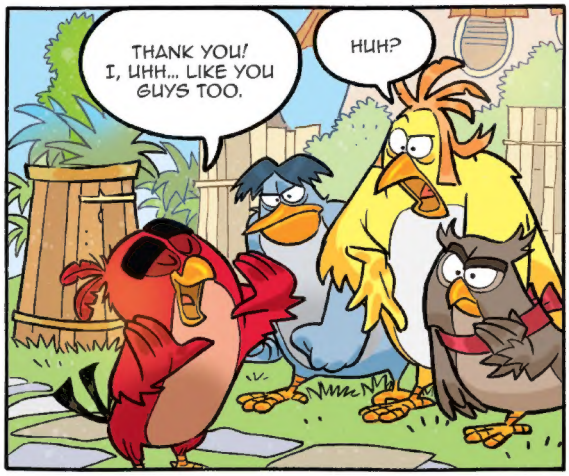

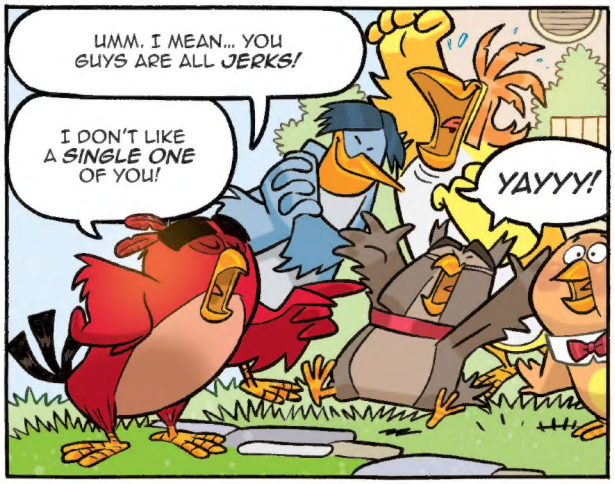

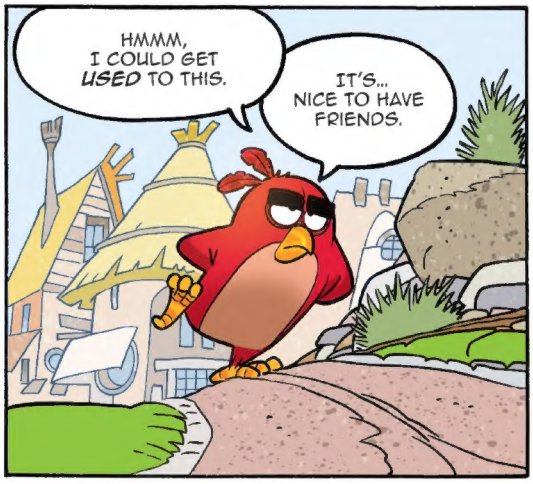

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